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Applicant : Yumin Liu
Application No. : 10/719,441 Confirmation No. : 2966
Filed : November 20, 2003
For : Ni CATALYSTS AND METHODS FOR ALKANE
DEHYDROGENATION
Group Art Unit : 1764
Examiner : Tam M. Nguyen

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated November 29, 2005 in the above-identified application. Applicant submits concurrently herewith a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (a)(2) to extend the time for

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filing this reply for two months, up to and including, May 1, 2006*. Thus, this reply is timely filed.

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REMARKS begin on page 11 of this paper.

* The last day for responding to the Office Action with a two month extension of time is April 29, 2005, which falls on a Saturday. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7, applicant may submit this response on the next business day.